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Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-42 (Canceled)

43. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a scanner module to scan a document to generate scanned data;

a first input/output port connectable to a computer;

a second input/output port removably connectable to a portable storage unit; and

a control unit to detect an attachment state of the portable storage unit with respect to the second input/output port and to control storing of the scanned data according to the detected attachment state of the portable storage unit such that when it is determined that the portable storage unit is attached to the second input/output port, the control unit is operable to storesstore the scanned data in the portable storage unit.

44. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus of claim 43, further comprising ~~an internal storage unit to store data, wherein, when it is determined that the portable storage unit is not attached to the second input/output port, the control unit stores the scanned data in the internal storage unit~~ a printing unit for printing the scanned data,

wherein the printing unit reads the scanned data stored in the portable storage unit to print the scanned data.

45. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus of claim ~~43~~44, further comprising ~~a printing unit for printing the scanned data stored either in the internal storage unit or the portable storage unit connected to the second input/output port~~ an internal storage unit to store the scanned data.

46. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus of claim 43, wherein the second input/output port comprises a universal serial bus (USB) port and the portable storage unit comprises a USB memory device wherein the control unit stores the scanned data in the internal storage unit when it is determined that the portable storage unit is detached from the input/output port.

47. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus of claim 4543, wherein the portable device comprises one selected from the group consisting of a memory stick (MS), a compact flash (CF) card, a secure digital (SD) memory card, a multimedia card (MMC), a smart media (SM) card, a universal serial bus (USB) memory card, and an xD picture card the control unit controls storing of the scanned data stored in the internal storage unit into the portable storage unit when the portable storage unit is attached to the input/output port to be connected to the scanner module.

48. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus of claim 43, wherein the second input/output port communicates with the portable storage unit further comprising:

a display unit for displaying information about the image forming apparatus; and
a manipulation unit for manipulating the image forming apparatus,

wherein, if a plurality of pieces of scanned data are stored in the portable storage unit,
at least one piece of the scanned data is selected by using the manipulation unit.

49. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 43, wherein the second input/output port comprises a USB port.

50. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus of claim 4943, wherein the portable storage unit, connectable to the USB port, comprises a USB connector connectable to a USB port of the second input/output port universal serial bus (USB) memory device.

51. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus of claim 43, wherein the portable storage unit, connectable to the second input/output port, comprises one selected from the group consisting of a memory stick (MS), a compact flash (CF) card, a secure digital (SD) memory card, a multimedia card (MMC), a smart media (SM) card, a universal serial bus (USB) memory card, and an xD picture card A method of storing scanned data generated by a scanner

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~~module of an image forming apparatus comprising a first input/output port connectable to a computer and a second input/output port removably connectable to a portable storage unit, the method comprising:~~

~~scanning a document to generate scanned data;~~

~~detecting an attachment state of the portable storage unit with respect to the second input/output port; and~~

~~storing the scanned data according to the detected attachment stage of the portable storage unit such that when it is determined that the portable storage unit is attached to the second input/output port, the scanned data is stored in the portable scanned unit.~~

52. (New) A method of storing scanned data generated by a scanner module of an image forming apparatus comprising an input/output port that is attachable to and detachable from a portable storage unit, the method comprising:

scanning a document to generate scanned data;

detecting an attachment state of the portable storage unit with respect to the input/output port; and

storing the scanned data according to the detected attachment state of the portable storage unit such that when it is determined that the portable storage unit is attached to the input/output port, a control unit of the image forming apparatus is operable to store the scanned data in the portable storage unit.

53. (New) The method of claim 52, further comprising:

reading the scanned data stored in the portable storage device when the portable storage unit is attached to the input/output port to be connected to the image forming apparatus; and

printing the read scanned data.

54. (New) The method of claim 52, further comprising storing the scanned data in an internal storage unit of the image forming apparatus when it is determined that the portable storage unit is detached from the input/output port.

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55. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the input/output port comprises a universal serial bus (USB) port.

56. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the portable storage unit comprises one selected from the group consisting of a memory stick (MS), a compact flash (CF) card, a secure digital (SD) memory card, a multimedia card (MMC), a smart media (SM) card, a universal serial bus (USB) memory card, and an xD-picture card.